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In re Patent Application of Atty. Ref.:839-1300 Kenneth WHALING et al. GE Ref.: 126308-1 10/664,915 Group: 2857 Serial No. Examiner: TSAI, Carol Filed: September 22, 2003 A METHOD FOR PERFORMING A HAZARD REVIEW AND SAFETY ANALYSIS OF A PRODUCT OR SYSTEM June 13, 2006 **Assistant Commissioner for Patents** Washington, DC 20231 Sir: The following are submitted in the above-identified application in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98: INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT PTO-1449 Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(b) 1. N/C [within 3 months of filing or prior to 1st Office Action] Statement Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(c) 2. N/C [before Final Office Action or Allowance] Fee Payment Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(c) 3. \$180.00 [before Final Office Action or Allowance] Statement & Fee Payment Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(d) 4. \$180.00 [before Issue Fee payment] \boxtimes 5. A list of documents on Form PTO-1449 together with copies of each identified document and a translation or a concise explanation of each non-English language document is enclosed herewith. 06/14/2006 SZEWDIE1 00000024 10664915 This paper is submitted in accordance with: 180.00 OP 01 FC:1806 6. 37 CFR 1.97(b): [within 3 months of filing or prior to 1st Office Action]

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